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A
BRIEF SUMME
OF
Christian Religion,

OR,
Of things most necessary for a
Christians Knowledge, Practice,
and Comfort.

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Deut. 11. 18, 19. & ch. 6. 6, 7.

Ye shall lay up these my words in your heart,
and in your soul, and ye shall teach them
your Children, speaking of them when thou
sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest
by the way, when thou liest down, and when
thou risest up.

August. de trad. Symb. Simplex, breue, plenum;
Ut simpliciter Audientium consulte. sufficienter
brevitas memorie plenitudo doctrine. It is plain,
brief, full: that plainness may be an help to the
unlearned, briefness to memory, fullness to the in-
struction of the Hearers.

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SEt your hearts unto all the words which
I testify among you. — For it is not a vain
thing for you, because it is your Life. *Dent.*
32.46,47.

I pray God that you may be filled with the
knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiri-
tuall understanding : That you may walk
worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being
fruitfull in every good work, and encreasing
in the knowledge of God. *Col. 1.9,10.*

MAny Testimonies of Scripture (for the fuller
confirmation of the Doctrine here delivered)
are in due order annexed, & ought to be diligently
considered. Sometimes the same place, though but
once quoted, hath reference to several parts of the
same Proposition, which I thought unnecessary to
iterate. All joyned together prove the whole
proposition, and every branch thereof.



To the Christian Reader.

THis short Treatise I chiefly designed for that Congregation, to which as a Minister, I have peculiar reference, which consisting (for the greatest part) of plain, and unlearned people, plainness, and brevity was purposely sought, and intended by me: that so being clear to their Understanding, and easie for their Memory, it might be the better conceiv'd, and retin'd.

The Scriptures themselves do often Summarily express the chief points contained in them, giving us an abridgement of the Law, the Gospel, and Means of Salvation: which Precedent I have willingly followed, endeavouring to omitt nothing that is Necessary, and likewise to insert nothing but what is agreeable to those holy Writings, & received by the Ancient, and present Orthodox Churches

I have chosen such words, and expressions as are (for the most part) used in Gods Word, and therefore of greatest significancy, and weight.

I hope the plenty of Quotations will not be accounted a superfluity, which I added the more copiously, at first for my own, and now for the Readers satisfaction. Better that of such there should be a redundance, then a defect, and where they most abound, I conceive there is greatest need of them, as in the 14th Proposition, where
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almost every word requires a several Testimony: in this, and other places, the cited Texts may supply my very brief mention of such weighty Mysteries, which in regard of their use, and importance, deserve the ampler confirmation.

Controverted Points I have laboured to express in temperate, and amicable Terms, and to present the Truth with such indifferency, and moderation, as might reconcile, rather than exasperate, disagreeing Parties.

To have severally expounded the Precepts of the Decalogue, would have been inconsistent with the brevity here intended, therefore I have added one Proposition (the 25th) as a general explication of all. So likewise concerning the Creed, and Lords Prayer, I desired to mention that which might be some explanation of them, yet very brief, and proportionable to the rest of the summe.

Those Secrets of Gods unsearchable Decrees I have sparingly mentioned, inculcating rather the Meanes which lead us to the best assurance, and certainty here, and to a blessed fruition at last of eternal salvation.

Concerning Ministers I was willing to add the 34th Aphorisme, specially for the Peoples sake, who not considering the excellency of that sacred Office do exceedingly offend God, and gratifie their enemy, the Devil, some by Usurping, most by Despising it: undervaluing one of the highest favours, and providences of Christ towards his Church, for the building whereof
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and perfecting the Saints, (as the Apostle as- Eph 4.12.
firms) they are peculiarly set, and assigned.

The Doctrines (and most of the Expres-
sions also) being contained in the Scriptures,
I need not be solicitous to make an Apology,
or give a further account. Gods Truth, whe-
ther we receive, or reject it, still retains the
same authority, and strength, and is (not-
withstanding all our Opposition and Diffe-
rences) the perfect Rule by which we must
now Judge, and hereafter be judged: to
which in this summe I only appeal, and re-
fer both my self, and the Reader.

I confess that what I here publish, is but
small, yet I cannot say that my labour, and
study in composing it hath been such also: for
I think that with as little pains I might have
written a large volume. To make hard things
plain, to joyn brevity and perspicuity, and
comprehend much in little, without detriment
to the sense and matter, to convey the highest
things to low capacities, is a matter of great
Difficulty, and industry: the very attempt
whereof I hope will be favoured, though I
much fail in the performance. As I, so
others making experiment, will (I believe)
acknowledge the words, and Observation of *Arch-Bp
a * Person most eminent for piety and lear- of Armagh
ning (who with others hath encouraged me in a Ser-
to publish this Treatise) to be most certain, mon before
and true, that --- "Try it when ever we K. James.
please 1624.

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"please, we shall finde, that to lay this
"groundwork rightly, will put us to the
"triall of our skill, and trouble us a great
"deal more, then if we were to discuss a
"Controversie, or handle a subtile point in
the Schools. Thus He concerning the Dif-
ficulty of this Work, and that which he adds
concerning the Necessity also is (in our care-
less daies) to be sadly consider'd. "The
"neglecting hereof is the frustrating of
"the whole work of the Ministry : for
"let us preach never so many Sermons to
"the people, our labour is but lost, as long
"as the Foundation is unlaid, and the Prin-
"ciples untaught upon which all other
"Doctrine must be builded.

Matth. 13.
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The Consideration hereof bath chiefly mo-
ved me to this labour, and my last desire and
advise to the Reader is, in the words of our
Saviour, Take heed that you despise not
little things, and intended chiefly for little
ones : because, they are such without which
none can truly be Great, or Eternally glori-
ous, and happy.

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A Brief Summe of *Christian Religion.*

1. **T**He *sure and only way* to obtain eternall life, and happines, is to *know* God, and his Son *Jesus Christ*, and to honour and *serve* him, as he hath appointed in his *Word*.

Deut. 10. 12. 2 Tim. 3. 15. Is. 8. 20. Acts 24. 14. Rom. 16. 26.

John 17. 3.
Acts 4. 12.
Mat. 16. 15, 16.
Joh. 12. 26.
1 Chr. 28. 9.
1 Sam. 2. 30.

2. The holy Scriptures of the *Old and New Testament* are the Word and Oracles of God, wherein he hath revealed his *Will and Truth* unto us, unto which we ought most diligently to *attend*.

The Scriptures.
Eph. 2. 20.
1 Pet. 1. 25.
Rom. 3. 2.
Heb. 5. 12.
Eph. 3. 5.
2 Tim. 3. 16.

Mat. 22. 20, Luk. 16. 29, 31. 2 Pet. 1. 19, 21: Deut. 31. 11, 12.

3. The Scriptures *principally* declare unto us, 1. the *Nature, Majesty, and Works of God*. 2. The *Misery of all mankind* by Sin. 3. Our *Redemption* and salvation by *Jesus Christ*. 4. The *Duty* of the Redeemed towards God.

Psa. 145. 3, 5, 6,
11, 12, Gal. 3. 22
Rom. 3. 9, 10,
19, &c.
1 Thes. 5. 9, 10,
1 Cor. 15. 3, 4
Acts 5. 31.

Eph. 1. 7. 1 Cor. 1. 30, 31. Lu. 1. 74, 75, 77. Psa. 107. 1, 2.

Gods nature.

Joh. 4. 24.

1 Tim. 1. 17.

Mal. 3. 6.

Jam. 1. 17.

1 Joh. 1. 5.

Rev. 4. 8. Exod. 34. 6, 7. Psal. 145. 5, 8, 17. Psal. 147. 5. Job

11. 7. Acts 17. 24, 25.

4. God is a Spirit, eternall, Al-
mighty, unchangeable, most pure, holy,
wise, just, gracious, and mercifull,
infinite in all perfections and excel-
lencies.

Joh. 17. 3.

1 Cor. 8. 5, 6.

Heb. 1. 3. 5, 6.

1 Joh. 5. 7.

Mat. 28. 19.

Joh. 1. 14. 18.

Joh. 15. 26.

Gal. 4. 6.

Joh. 10. 30.

Phil. 2. 6. 1 Cor. 2. 10, 11. Jo. 5. 23. 2 Cor. 13. 14. Rev. 5. 12, 13.

5. There is but One true God, who
is distinguished by Three Persons, the
Father begetting, the Son his only be-
gotten, and the Holy Ghost proceeding
from both: of one substance, will, and
power, and with *equall* honour to be
worshipped, and glorified by all.

*Gods chief
works.*

Exod. 4. 14.

Acts 17. 24, 25.

Gen. 1. 1. 3. 1.

Neh. 9. 6.

Col. 1. 16, 17.

Rom. 11. 36.

Heb. 1. 3. Psal. 119. 91. Psal. 145. 13. 1 Chr. 29. 11. Dan. 4.

34, 35. Prov. 15. 3. Joh. 5. 17. Mat. 10. 29, 30.

6: God hath his Being of himself,
and is the onely Author of all Being
and Blessings unto others; who crea-
ted all things very good, and doth
sustain, preserve, and govern them,
exercising an everlasting Kingdom,
and Providence over all.

Mans first state.

Eccl. 7. 29.

Gen. 1. 27, 28.

Col. 3. 10. Eph.

4. 24. Pro. 16. 4.

Rev. 4. 11.

7. God created Man upright, ac-
cording to his own Image, in an holy
and happy state, to obey and glorifie
his Maker.

8. Adam

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8. *Adam* the first man (of whose nature and condition *we all partake*) by transgression of Gods Law and Covenant, *fell* from his first state; by whose disobedience *sin* and *death* entered into the *World*.

9. All men descending from Adam are *guilty* of sin, which *dwelleth* in us, the wages whereof is *death*, and therefore cannot (unless born again) enter into heaven, being *wholly corrupt*, and by nature *children of wrath*.

Ephes. 4. 22. Psal. 51. 5. Ephes. 2. 3.

10. Sin is *contrary* to Gods *nature* and *Law*, which law whosoever doth not fulfill is under a *Curse*, and deserveth *all plagues*, and miseries in this life, *Death*, and in the world to come everlasting *Condemnation*.

Rom. 6. 23. 2 Thes. 1. 9. Math. 25. 41, 46.

11. Jesus Christ the *second Adam*, the promised *Seed*, hath in *our nature* perfectly *obeyed* Gods law, and *suffered* punishment and death for our *sinnes*: by whose Obedience & Sufferings we are *redeemed* from the curse, and *reconciled to God*; according to his *New*

24. 1 Joh. 3. 5. Joh. 8. 29, 46. Joh. 4. 34. & 15. 18. 53, 45, 6, 9, 10. 1 Pet. 3. 18. Gal. 3. 13.

Mans misery.

1 Cor. 15. 45. 47, 48. Jo. 3. 6. Gen. 3. 17, 23. Mal. 2. 10. Hos. 6. 7. marg. Ro. 5. 12, 14, 19

Ro. 3. 9, 19, 23.

Ro. 7. 17, 20.

Rom. 6. 23.

Joh. 3. 3, 5, 6.

Gen. 6. 11, 12.

Psal. 14. 1.

Col. 1. 21.

Sin.

1 Joh. 3. 4.

Hab. 1. 13.

Gal. 3. 10.

Deut. 28. 15.

Lev. 26. 14,

15, 16. &c.

Joh. 5. 29.

Mans Redemption.

1 Cor. 15. 45, 47.

Gen. 3. 15.

Gal. 3. 16.

Heb. 2. 14, 16.

Heb. 10. 7, 9, 10.

1 Pet. 2. 22, 23.

10. Phil. 2. 7, 8.

Rom. 5. 10, 19.

and

Jer. 31. 31, 32. 4

Hcb. 8. 8, 13.

Gal. 3. 16, 17.

Lu. 1. 68, 69, 72

Gods Covenant.

Tir. 3. 4, 5, 6, 7.

Isa. 42. 6, 7.

Dan. 9. 25, 26.

Joh. 1. 41.

Rom. 11. 26, 27

Joh. 1. 29.

2 Tim. 1. 10.

Hcb. 9. 26, 28.

21. Rom. 6. 23.

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and gracious Covenant made with us
in Christ.

12. This was Gods Covenant (proceeding from meer *grace* and love towards man) to send the *MESSIAH*, that is, *Christ*, into the world, and by him to abolish *sin and death*, and to give unto us perfect *righteousness and life everlasting*.

Rom. 3. 24, 25, 26. Rom. 5. 17, 18, 21. 2 Cor. 5. 21. Rom. 6. 23.

Christs Office.

Rom. 1. 2, 3.

Isa. 9. 6.

Acts 13. 23, 33,

Acts 2. 36.

1 Pet. 1. 21, 22.

Joh. 1. 42, 46.

Acts 10. 38, 42

Act. 3. 22.

Joh. 6. 14, 68.

Hcb. 5. 5, 6.

Rom. 5. 10, 11.

Rom. 8. 34.

Lu. 1. 32, 33.

1 Cor. 1. 5.

Acts 5. 31, 32.

Eph. 4. 7, 8.

Joh. 16. 33.

1 Cor. 15. 25, 26, 27, 55.

Hcb. 7. 25.

Mat. 1. 21.

13. Christ (*promised* under the old Testament, and *given* in the New) was ordeined of God, and *anointed* with his Spirit to a *threesfold Office*. 1. of a *Prophet*, to reveal the way to eternal life. 2. of a *Priest*, to make an *Atonement* and *Intercession*. 3. of a *King*, to govern his Church, and *enrich* it with all *Graces*, to overcome the World, Sin, Death, and Hell the *enemies* thereof, that so he might be a perfect *JESVS*, and Saviour of his people.

Christs Benefits.

Rom. 9. 5.

1 Tim. 3. 16.

Joh. 1. 1. 14.

Luke 1. 35.

14. Jesus being true *God and man* in *one glorious Person*, by his most *righteous life*, and pretious *Death*, and *Sacrifice* of himselfe hath obtained for

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us *Remission* of finnes, *imputation* of *Righteousness*, *Adoption* to be Sons of God, the *Spirit* of grace, and *Sanctification*, *eternal Life* and *Glory*: all which benefits are promised, and *freely* offerd unto us in the Gospel.

& 3. 18. Eph. 1. 5, 7, 14. Acts 13. 38, 39. 2 Cor. 5. 21. Ro. 5. 19. Rom. 4. 5, 6, 24, 25. Gal. 4. 5. Rom. 8. 9, 15, 17. Gal. 3. 14. Heb. 10. 10, 19, 20. Tit. 3. 6. Joh. 6. 51. 1 Thes. 5. 9, 10. 2 Thes. 2. 14. 1 Cor. 2. 12. Rom. 8. 32. Eph. 1. 13. & 2. 8, 9. 1 Joh. 2. 25. Rom. 5. 15, 17, 23. Joh. 7. 37, 38, 39. Is. 55. 1, 2.

Gal. 4. 4.
1 Cor. 2. 8.
Heb. 5. 8, 9.
1 Joh. 2. 2.
Heb. 10. 12, 14.
Heb. 9. 12, 26.
1 Pet. 1. 18, 19.

15. Of Christ and all his benefits we are made *partakers* by Faith, through the Operation of Gods Spirit, and this is the *Summe* of the Gospel, that *whosoever* believeth in him shal not perish, but have *eternal life*, with all graces, and *blessings* appertaining unto it.

Faith.
Heb. 3. 14.
Col. 2. 10, 12.
1 Cor. 12. 6.
Joh. 3. 16, 18.
& 5. 24.
& 6. 47, 54.
Gal. 3. 8, 9.
2 Pet. 1. 3, 4.
Rom. 8. 32.

16. To believe in Jesus Christ is to receive and imbrace him, and his Gospel (as the *only* doctrine which bringeth Salvation) cleaving unto him with the heart, and with confidence (in his *mercy*, *power*, and *truth*) to rely upon him for remission of Sins, and eternal life, and *all other* promised *blessings*.

Joh. 11. 12.
1 Tim. 1. 15.
Heb. 11. 13.
Acts 4. 12.
& 11. 23.
Deut. 10. 20.
Heb. 3. 6, 14.
Jude 20, 21.
Eph. 3. 12.

Heb. 4. 15, 16. & 7. 25, 26. Psal. 25. 10. & 117. 2. 2 Chr. 16. 7, 8. Isa. 26. 3, 4. Acts 5. 31. Mat. 9. 6, 4. Heb. 5. 9. Jo. 10. 28. & 17. 2. Eph. 1. 3.

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Obedience.

Joh. 4.42.

1 Cor. 1.2.

& 8.5, 6.

Gal. 2. 20.

Heb. 10. 22, 23

Rom. 4. 20, 21

Tit. 1.2.

Acts 15. 11.

Heb. 11. 13.

Luke 6. 46. 2 Cor 9. 13. & 8. 5. & 10. 5. Rom. 6. 16, 17. Luke 9. 23. Mat. 11. 28, 29.

Acts 11. 17. 18

& 15. 9.

Mar. 1. 15.

Gal. 5. 6.

& 6. 15.

1 Tim. 1. 19:

Rom. 6. 22.

Phil. 1. 11.

Col. 1. 6, 10.

Jam. 2. 18.

& 3. 13. Joh. 12. 26. Eph. 2. 10. Psal. 50. 23. Prov. 28. 18.

Repentance.

Jer. 31. 18. 19

Ezek. 18. 21,

30, 32.

Acts 3. 19.

Rom. 12. 2:

Jam. 5. 19, 20.

Acts 26. 18, 20.

Joel 2. 12, 13.

Psal. 51. 13, 17. Isa. 66. 2. 2 Cor. 7. 9, 10, Acts 11. 23, Ps. 119.

106, 112. 1 Pct. 4. 1, 2, 3. Luke 1. 75.

17. Every true believer receiveth Christ for his *Saviour*, and also for his *L O R D*, embracing and *applying* his gracious *Promises*, and submitting to his holy *Precepts* yielding himselfe an obedient *Servant*, to be *governed* by him, and to be *saved* by those *means* and *waies* which he hath appointed.

18. Whosoever (*therefore*) rightly believeth doth also truly *Repent*, and *Obey* Gods Commandements, bringing forth *the fruits* of righteousness, and shewing his faith by *good works*, and an holy conversation: which are *the wayes* ordained by Christ, to bring us to eternal life, and salvation.

19. Repentance is a *Conversion*, or turning from *error* to truth, from *sin* unto God, with contrition, and *godly sorrow* for our offences committed against him, and a *sincere resolution*, and *indeavour* to lead a *new life*, in constant holiness, and obedience.

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20. *Christian obedience*, and holiness is a Conformity of our *will* to the whole law, and will of God: and a *conversation* agreeable to the doctrine, and example of Christ our Lord.

Phil. 1. 27. & 2. 5. Mat. 11. 29. 1 Joh. 3. 3. Joh.

Holiness.

1 Thes. 4. 3.
Rom. 7. 16, 22,
25. & 12. 1, 2.
Luk. 1. 6.
1 Pet. 1. 14, 15.
& 4. 2.
13. 13, 15.

21. Without repentance, faith, and holiness, none shall enter into Gods Kingdome, or escape his wrath, and eternal damnation: Wherefore we must earnestly seek, & labour for these necessary graces, and diligently use the Meanes which Christ hath ordeined, by which he communicateth these, and all other graces unto us, and by his Spirit effectually worketh them in us.

& 7. 37, 39. Eph. 4. 7, 8. Tit. 3. 5, 6. 14. Act. 5. 31. 1 Cor. 12. 9, 11. Rom. 5. 5.

Use of means.

Luke 13. 3, 5.
Joh. 3. 36.
Heb. 11. 6.
& 12. 14.
Mat. 23. 33.
Rom. 2. 3, 4, 5.
2 Thes. 1. 9.
Mar. 6. 33.
2 Tim. 2. 12.
2 Pet. 1. 5, 10.
Joh. 6. 35, 37.

22. The principal meanes to work Repentance, Faith, and Holiness in us, is the Word of God, and the Ministry thereof: which inlightneth the Understanding, and converteth the Soul, teaching us all Truths necessary for us to believe, and all Duties requisite, and necessary for us to practice.

Joh. 17. 17. 1 Pet. 1. 23. Jam. 1. 18. Rom. 15. 4.

Gods Word.

Luke 11. 32.
Rom. 10. 14, 17
1 Cor. 3. 5,
2 Cor. 5. 19, 20
Act. 26. 18.
Eph. 4. 11, 12, 13
Psal. 19. 7, 8, 11
Pl. 119. 105, 130
2 Tim. 3. 16, 17.

23. The most necessary Truths & points of Christian belief are briefly compre-

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hended

The Creed.

1 Cor. 15. 1, 3.
Col. 2. 6, 7.

Jude 3.

1 Cor. 14. 33,

36. & 11. 16.

1 Tim. 3. 15.

Mat. 28. 19.

Phil. 2. 6, 7, 8, 9.

Heb. 2. 9.

Acts 26. 18.

Joh. 3. 16.

Rom. 10. 9, 10,

*The ten Com-
mandments.*

Exod. 20. 1, &c

Deut. 4. 13.

Exo. 34. 27, 28.

Josh. 24. 14.

Deut. 5. 32, 33.

Luke 17. 10.

Jam. 2. 10, 11,

1 Chro. 28. 9.

Deut. 11. 13,

16, 18.

Prov. 4. 23, &c.

Mat. 5. 22, 28,

Rom. 7. 7.

1 Tim. 5. 14.

1 Thes. 5. 22, 23

2 Cor. 7. 1. & 10. 5, 2 Thes. 2. 17. 1 Cor. 10. 31. 1 Cor. 6. 19, 20.

1 Tim. 1. 5.

Rom. 13. 8, 10.

Mat. 22. 37.

Deut. 6. 5.

hended in the Summe called the *Creed*, agreeable to the scriptures, and doctrine of the *Apostles*, and therefore received by the Churches of Christ, which sheweth us. 1. The only true God in three persons. 2. The *Humiliation* and *Exaltation* of Christ. 3. The *Privileges* of his Church, and of every particular member thereof.

24. The necessary Duties which God injoyneth us to practice, are briefly comprehended in the *Decalogue*, or two Tables of the Moral law, shewing us our Duty towards God and Man.

25. Gods Law requires sincere obedience to every precept, and a willing subjection of the whole man, specially of the mind and heart: forbidding both the outward act, and inward desire of evil, and every lust, motion, occasion, and appearance of sin; commanding us to be perfectly holy in body and spirit, and in every work, word, and thought to please, and glorifie God.

26. The end, and fulfilling of the Commandments is *Charity*, and the Summe of the whole law is this, to love God with all our hearts, and all our power,

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wer, and to love *our neighbour* as our selves. doing unto others what we (*in equity*) would have done unto us.

Lev. 19. 18,
Mat. 7. 12.

27. For the *furthering* of repentance, faith, and holiness in us, and to joyn and unite us unto *Christ*, and to his body the *Church*, out of which there is no Salvation; God hath also ordained the *Sacraments*, which are *Baptisme*, and the *Lords Super.*

The Sacraments

Mat. 3. 11.
Gal. 3. 27, 28.
Eph. 5. 25, 26:
1 Cor. 12. 12, 13
& 10. 16, 17.
& 6. 17.
Acts 2. 41, 47,

Joh. 8. 24. Eph. 2. 12, 19. Mat. 28. 19, & 26. 26, 27. 1 Cor. 10. 1, 2.

28. The Church is the *great Congregation* of all Gods people, knit together in *one body*, of which Christ is the *Head*, and they the *Members*, quickned by his *Spirit*, and receiving all *life* and grace from him alone, having *one Faith, Hope, and brotherly Love*, and partaking of the *same Word, Sacraments, and Ordinances* of Christ.

The Church.

Heb. 12. 22, 23.
Psal. 40. 9, 10.
1 Cor. 1. 2.
Joh. 15. 1, 2 &c.
Col. 1. 18.
Eph. 4. 15, 16.
& 5. 30.
1 Cor. 12. 13.
Eph. 2. 21.
Col. 2. 19.

Joh. 5. 21. Eph. 4. 4, 5. Acts 2. 42. 1 Cor. 11. 16. & 7. 17.

29. The Sacraments are *visible signes* and *seales* of Gods Covenant, by which the *benefits* of Christ are *represented, applied, and confirmed* unto us, and by which *we* also are *bound* and *engaged to his service*, and to continue in *faith* and *obedience* to God.

Rom. 4. 11.
1 Cor. 10. 16,
17. & 11. 25, 26
Mar. 16. 16.
Gal. 3. 1, 27.
1 Cor. 12. 12, 13.
Mat. 28. 19, 20,
Rom. 6. 3, 4.
Heb. 10. 23.

Baptisme.

Tit. 3. 5, 6.

Mat. 28. 19.

Eph. 5. 26.

1 Pet. 3. 21.

Heb. 6. 4, 6.

& 10. 26, 29.

Acts 8. 13,

21, 22, 37.

Joh. 3. 5, 6.

Rom. 6. 5.

Rev. 1. 5.

Acts 22. 16.

Eph. 4. 30.

Rom. 6. 4.

Heb. 10. 22, 23, 24. Mat. 28. 19, 20, 1 Cor. 1. 13. Acts 19. 4, 5.

Gen. 17. 7, 10, 11

Exod. 12. 48.

Col. 2. 11, 12.

Acts 2. 38, 39.

1 Cor. 7. 14.

Rom. 4. 11.

Rom. 6. 3, 4 & c.

1 Pet. 3. 21.

Gal. 5. 3.

Rom. 8. 13.

Eph. 4. 22, 24.

Col. 3. 1, 5, 9.

Luke 9. 23.

Tit. 2. 12.

2 Cor. 4. 2.

Gal. 3. 27.

Rom. 13. 4. Phil. 3. 10. 2 Tim. 2. 11, 12. 1 Joh. 2. 6.

30. Baptisme is the *washing of regeneration*, ordeined by Christ to *sanctifie, clense, and save us*, if we by wilfull *impenitency*, and *unbelief* do not *binder* and *frustrate* the *virtue* thereof: in which we are *born again* of *water* and the *spirit*, *ingrafted* into Christ, and *washed* from our *sins* in his *bloud*, *sealed* by his *spirit* to the day of *redemption*, and *dedicated* for ever to the service of that only true God, the *Father*, the *Son*, and the *Holy Ghost*, in whose *Name* we are baptized.

31. As *Circumcision* was to *Abraham* and *his Seed*, so is Baptisme to *believers* and their *children*, a sign and seal of their *Admission* into Christs Church, the *Remission* of sin, *Mortification* of the *Flesh*, *Death* unto sin, and our *Resurrection* to a *new Life*: whereby we are *ingaged*, and through Gods Spirit *inabled* to *put off the old man*, to *deny our selves*, and *Renounce* the *World* the *Flesh* and the *Divel*, and to *put on Christ* by *faith*, and *conformity* unto him in his *life*, and *sufferings*.

of Christian Religion. 11

32. The Lords Supper was instituted for a *Remembrance* of Christ our *Passeover* sacrificed for us, and is a *Communion* of his *Body*, and *Bloud*, which with the outward elements of *bread* and *wine* every believer doth truly receive for his *spiritual nourishment* to eternal life.

33. The Lords Supper obligeth every partaker thereof to *Repentance*, *Faith* *Love*, and *thankful Obedience* without which we eat and drink *unworthily*, not discerning the Lords body, nor the end and use of those holy *Mysteries*, and thereby draw judgement upon our selves: but with these we rightly may, and frequently ought to receive it, and thereby these *graces* are increased and strengthened in us.

34. To edify the Church in faith and godliness, Christ hath ordeined *Pastors* and *Ministers*, to whom as his *Ambassadors*, & *Stewards* he hath given *special commission* and authority to preach the *Word* of reconciliation, to administer the *Sacraments*, and other holy *Ordinances*, to Bless in his Name, to pronounce *comfort* and *pardon* to
the

The Lords Supper

1 Cor. 11. 24 & c.
& ch. 5. 7.
1 Cor. 10. 16, 17
Mat 26. 26, 28.
Joh. 9. 27. 35.
54, 55, 56, 57.
1 Cor. 10. 4, 5.

Joh. 6. 47.
1 Cor. 10. 17, 21
& 11. 26, 28.
1 Cor. 5. 7, 8.
2 Cor. 13. 5.
1 Cor. 11. 27, 29
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Acts 2, 42, 46,
1 Cor. 11. 24,
25, 26,
Jo. 6. 35. 56. 57
1 Cor. 12. 13.

Ministers.

Eph. 4. 11, 12.
2 Cor. 5. 19, 20.
1 Cor. 4. 1, 2.
Tit. 1. 7.
Matth. 28. 18,
19, 20.
1 Cor. 10. 16,
& 11. 23.
Deut. 10. 8.
Num. 6, 23, 27.

Luk. 24. 47, 48

Mat. 8. 15,

16, 17, 18.

& 16. 19.

Joh. 20. 23.

1 Cor. 5. 4, 5,

11, 13.

2 Tim. 4. 2, 3.

Iam. 5. 14, 15.

17, 24. 1 Thes

1 Cor. 16. 16.

the penitent, to *reprove*, and by *censures* to *bind* the disobedient, to *watch over*, to *pray for*, and with the *flock*, of which the holy ghost hath made them *Over-seers*; whom for the good of our souls, and for their *works sake*, we are *commanded* to *hear*, *reverence*, and *obey*.

Acts 20. 17, to 31. 1 Per. 5. 2, 3. Heb. 13. 7, 17, 24. 1 Thes 5. 12, 13. 1 Tim. 5. 17. Luk. 10. 16. Gal. 6. 6.

Prayer.

Luke 17. 5:

Psal. 119. 5.

Jam. 1. 5.

Act. 2. 42.

Luke 18. 1, 7.

1 Cor. 12. 3, 8, 11

& 15. 10.

Joh. 16. 13.

& 14. 16, 26.

Luke 11. 13.

Eph. 1. 13.

Joh. 14. 13, 14.

& 16. 26.

The Lords

prayer.

Matth. 6. 9.

Luke 11. 2.

Psal. 65. 2.

Rom. 10. 14.

Phil. 4. 6.

Luke 11. 13.

Eph. 3. 20.

1 Cor. 10. 31.

35. That we may rightly *believe* in Jesus Christ, and *obey* Gods commands, and worthily *use the Sacraments*, and all other *meanes* of salvation, we must by earnest and frequent *Prayer* implore Gods *Grace*, which only doth *inable* us, and his holy *Spirit*, who is the *Worker* of all knowledge, *grace*, and *comfort* within us, whom the *Father* hath *promised* to give, and also *whatsoever* we ask in the name of his *Son* Jesus Christ.

36. All things requisite for us to *ask* or *receive* are briefly comprehended in the *Lords prayer*, which teacheth us to direct our petitions to *God only*, for *spiritual* and *temporal* blessings, fixing our minds on his *Fatherly goodness* and *power*, and *before all*, and *in all* seeking his *glory*.

37. With

37. With prayers to be made in *publique* and *private*, for our selves, and all men, we must joyne an humble *Confession*, and acknowledgment of our sins, proceeding from a contrite and *penitent* heart : and also constant *Praises*, and joyful *Thanksgiving* unto God for his *abundant* mercies, comforts, and benefits to us, and all others.

17, 18. Phil. 4. 6. Psalm. 145. 9. & 107.

38. The *spiritual Sacrifices* of prayer and praise, with all other *Worship* and service due unto God, we must from a *pure* heart, offer up unto Him by *Jesus Christ* our only *Mediator*, and *high Priest*, by whose *strength* we performe them, through whose *merits*, and *intercession* they are *accepted*, and shall through his *mercy* and promise be graciously *rewarded*.

Jo. 15. 5. 1 Pet. 2. 5. Eph. 1. 6. Col. 3. 24. Pl. 62. 12. Mat. 25. 35

39. All must earnestly strive and endeavour both to *continue*, and to *grow* and increase in faith and holiness
1. By attending to Gods *Word*. 2. By the exercise of love and good *Works*.
3. By a right use of the *Sacraments*.

4 By

Confession.

1 Tim. 2. 1, 8.
Mat. 6. 5.
Psal. 32. 5, 6.
Prov. 28. 13.
Psal. 38. 18.
& 51. 4, 5, 17:
Dan. 9. 4, 5.

Thanksgiving.

Col. 4. 2.

1 Thes. 5.

21, 22.

The only Me-
diator.

Heb. 13. 15.
2 Tim. 2. 22.
1 Tim. 1. 5.
Col. 3. 17.
1 Tim. 2. 5.
Heb. 4. 14, 15, 16
& 9. 15. & 7.
25, 26. & 13. 21
1 Joh. 2. 2.
Phil. 4. 13.

Perseverance
and growth.

2 Pet. 3. 18.
1 Cor. 15. 58.
1 Thes. 4. 1.
1 Pet. 2. 2.

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1 Tim 4.7, 15.

Acts 2. 41, 42.

& 24. 16.

Phil. 4. 6, 8.

1 John 1. 9.

Lev. 26. 40, 41.

Jam. 5. 16.

2 Pet. 1. 3, 10, 11

Eph. 2. 8, 10.

Gods Elect.

Ti. 2. 12, 13, 14

2 Thes. 2. 13. 14

1 Pet. 2. 9.

2 Pet. 1. 3.

Psal. 84, 11.

1 Thes. 2. 12.

Rom. 5. 19.

1 Cor. 6. 11.

Rom. 8. 14, 17.

Gal. 5. 18, Jam. 2. 5, Phil. 3. 21. Mat. 25. 34. Heb. 12. 22, 23.

4. By prayer. 5. Confession, and 6. Thanksgiving: all which are parts of Gods service, and *meanes* of salvation, by which God hath appointed, and decreed to bring his people to everlasting glory.

40. They who carefully use these holy meanes are Christs *peculiar people*, beloved and *chosen* of God, called to grace and glory, *Iustified* through Christs obedience, *Sanctified* and led by his Spirit, *Sons* of God, and *heires* of a kingdome, in which they shall both in *body*, and *soul*, be eternally blessed and *Glorified*.

1 Pet. 5. 10, 11.

The God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, after you have suffered a while make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To him be Glory and Dominion for ever. Amen.



The Epitome, and *Contents* of this
Summe, very *fit* and *easse* to be
remembred.

THe only way to eternall *happinesse*
is taught in the *Scriptures*, which
shew unto us, 1. The *Nature* and
works of God. 2. The *Misery of man* by sin ;
3. Our *Redemption* and deliverance by Je-
sus Christ, of which we are made *partakers*
by *Faith*, ioyned with *Repentance*, and *ho-
liness of life*. 4. Our *Duty*, to *believe* in
Jesus Christ. To shew our faith by *obedi-
ence* to Gods Commandments. To use the
Sacraments, and constant *Prayer*. To *confess*,
and *forsake* our sins. Continually to *give
thanks*, and *praise* unto God: which are the
Meanes of Grace, leading Gods people to
eternal *Glory*.

2 Tim. I. 13.

Hold fast the forme of sound words,
which thou hast heard of me, in faith and
love which is in Christ Jesus.

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The

The chief Articles of Christian Belief, contained in the Scriptures, and generally received by the Ancient & modern Churches of God, as doth appear by their joynt Confessions.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in *Jesus Christ* his only Son our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin *Mary*; suffered under *Pontius Pilate*; was Crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the Right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to Judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the *Holy Ghost*: the holy Catholike Church: the Communion of Saints: the forgiveness of sins: the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life everlasting.

The Ten Commandments.

I Table.

GOD spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them: For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the Fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

Thou

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain : For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy: six dayes shalt thou labour, and do all thy work : but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattel, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : For in six dayes the Lord made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, & hallowed it.

Honour thy Father, and thy Mother : that thy 2 Table dayes may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbours.

The Lords Prayer.

OVR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdome come: Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil ; For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

This



This *Summe* may easily be reduced to the usual Form of *Catechismes* by *Questions & Answers*: to which end that it may also serve, I have here *distinctly* set down the most *materiall* Questions, to which the *Propositions* in the *Summe*, being equal in number, are *direct* Answers, and may be *readily* applied.

Question	Answer.
1 Which is the Way to eternal happiness?	Prop. 1*
2 What is the Word of God?	Prop. 2.
3 What doe the Scriptures chiefly declare?	Prop. 3.
4 What is the Nature of God?	Prop. 4.
5 Who is the True God?	Prop. 5.
6 Which are the chief Works of God?	Prop. 6.
7 What was Mans first state?	Prop. 7.
8 How did Man loose his first happiness?	Prop. 8.
9 What is the Misery of Man?	Prop. 9.
10 What is Sin, and the punishment due unto it?	Prop. 10
11 How are we freed from sin, and all misery?	Prop. 11
12 What was Gods Covenant?	Prop. 12
13 What is the Office of Christ?	Prop. 13

[* That is, the *Proposition* noted in the *Summe* by the figure 1. is an answer to this *Question*. So understand the rest.]

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Question

Answer

14	<i>What Benefits hath Christ obtained for us?</i>	Prop. 14
15	<i>How are we made partakers of Christs Benefits?</i>	Prop. 15
16	<i>What is it to Believe in Christ?</i>	Prop. 16
17	<i>How ought we to receive Christ?</i>	Prop. 17
18	<i>What is inseparably joyned with saving Faith?</i>	Prop. 18
19	<i>What is Repentance?</i>	Prop. 19
20	<i>What is Christian Obedience?</i>	Prop. 20
21	<i>How may we attain to Faith, and all other Graces?</i>	Prop. 21
22	<i>Which are the principal meanes to Work Faith, & other Graces?</i>	Prop. 22
23	<i>Which are the chief points of Christian belief?</i>	Prop. 23
24	<i>What is the rule of Mans duty, and practice?</i>	Prop. 24
25	<i>What doth Gods Law command, and forbid?</i>	Prop. 25
26	<i>What is the End, and summe of the Law?</i>	Prop. 26
27	<i>Why were the Sacraments ordeined?</i>	Prop. 27
28	<i>What is the Church to which alone the Sacraments do belong?</i>	Prop. 28
29	<i>What are Sacraments?</i>	Prop. 29
30	<i>What Benefit have we by Baptisme?</i>	Prop. 30
31	<i>What is further confirmed unto us, and required of us in Baptisme?</i>	Prop. 31

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Question.

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32	<i>What is the End, and Benefit of the Lords Supper?</i>	Prop. 32
33	<i>Who are fit Receivers of the Lords Supper?</i>	Prop. 33
34	<i>What is the Work, and Office of Ministers?</i>	Prop. 34
35	<i>What is the Use, and efficacie of Prayer?</i>	Prop. 35
36	<i>What is the best Rule, and Forme of Christian prayer?</i>	Prop. 36
37	<i>What is to be joyned with Prayer?</i>	Prop. 37
38	<i>What maketh our prayers, and all other Duties acceptable to God?</i>	Prop. 38
39	<i>How may we continue, & increafe in Grace?</i>	Prop. 39
40	<i>Who are Gods Elect, and Heires of of Salvation?</i>	Prop. 40

2 Tim. 2. 23.

Foolish and *unlearned* Questions avoid, knowing that they do gender *strifes*.

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Some special places of Scripture expressing the whole Duty of man.

So *Worship* I the God of my Fathers, *believing* all things which are *written* in the Law, and the Prophets. And have *hope* towards God, that there shall be a *resurrection* of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. And herein do I *exercise* my selfe, to have alwaies a *conscience* void of offence, towards God, and towards men.

Acts 24.
14, 15, 16.

The *grace* of God that bringeth *Salvation* hath appeared to all men; *Teaching* us that *denying* ungodliness, and worldly *lusts*, we should *live soberly, righteously*, and *godly* in this present world; looking for that blessed *hope*, & the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, who gave himself for us, that he might *redeem* us from all iniquity, and *purify* unto himself a *peculiar* people, *zealous* of good works.

Tit. 2. 12.
12, 13, 14.

Ye beloved building up your selves on your most *holy faith*, *praying* in the holy *ghost*, keepe your selves in the *love* of God, *looking* for the *mercy* of our Lord *Jesus Christ* unto eternal life.

Jude 20.
21.

Mic. 6. 8. He hath *shewed* thee O Man what is good,
and what doth the Lord *require* of thee, but
to *do justly*, and to *love mercy*, and to *Walk*
humbly with thy God

Psa. 37. 3. *Trust* in the Lord, and *do good*, so shalt
thou *dwell* in the land.

I Tim. I. 19. Hold *faith*, and a *good conscience*, which
some having put away, concerning faith
have made *shipwrack*.

Tit. 3. 8. This is a faithful saying, and these things
I will that thou *affirm constantly*, that they
which have *believed* in God, may be care-
full to maintain *good works*: these things
are good and *profitable* unto men.

14. Let ours also learn to maintain good
works for *necessary* uses, that they be not
unfruitfull.

Add Colos. 1. 9, 10, 11, 12. Dent. 10. 12, 13. &c.

Eccles 12. 13, 14. Let us heare the *CONCLUSION* of the
whole matter, *fear* God and *keep* his Com-
mandments: for this is the *whole Duty* of
man. For God shall bring every work into
judgment, with every secret thing whether
it be *good*, or whether it be *evil*.

Ja. 13. 17.

If you *know* these things, *happy* are ye if
ye *do* them.



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